Minutes of meeting of Comt. of Arrangements—
Feb. 26./85—

The Comt. of Arrangements for the annual meeting of the Wom. Ep. Comt. of N. Illinois,— consisting of Mesdames Haines, Hamlin & Allen, met on Feb. 23rd at the residence of the Chairman. Mrs. Hamlin opened the meeting with prayer, and Mrs. Allen acted as Secretary. It was agreed upon that Mrs. Haines should write to Mrs. Pyle, President of the Cincinnati Central M. M. Society, asking that a local Comt. of Arrangements be appointed; and suggesting that Mrs. J. F. Hamlin, having had much experience in these Annual Meetings will be a valuable member of such Committee.— It was also decided that Mrs. Allen write to Rev. W. H. Roberts requesting him to make the same arrangements with the Railroads, for the women attending the missionary meetings &c

during the Gen. Assembly, as he makes for the Commissioners. — It was decided also to suggest the following as being among the duties of the Local Cont. of Arrangements. 1. To arrange for meetings for prayer and acquaintance on three days; the 25th., 26th., & 27th. of May: and to devise and carry out some plan by which ladies in attendance may become known to each other. 2. To make arrangements for three missionary meetings on the days above mentioned; the time to be before the afternoon session of the General Assembly: two of these occasions to give opportunity for representations of work among the Mexicans, Mormons, Indians, illiterate Whites and Freedmen, to speak to the members of the General Assembly as well as to the ladies. The third meeting to be in the interests of Foreign Missions, if desired. — 3. To procure a hall or room conveniently near the meeting place of the Gen. Assemb., for the afternoon meetings: and if possible, a room in the same building for the exhibits which are to be sent from the schools under care of the Wom. Bp. Cont. It is considered important also, to have some lady in attendance in this room, during certain hours daily, to meet and introduce strangers to each other, give information, &c, &c., as was so admirably done by Miss Mills at the meeting last year in Saratoga. — 4. To engage a Church for an all day, & evening meeting on May 29th. — 5th. The local Cont. are requested to procure leaders for the Devotional meetings on the 25th., 26th. & 27th. 6th. — The inquiry is to be made whether special rates of boarding can be obtained for Visitors: and it is requested that, if possible, ~~Hotels~~ boarding places be secured for 12 or 15 members of the Wom. Bp. Cont. near to the ~~place~~ meeting place of the Assembly, & to each other, for conve-

evenings of consultation &c. 7. Inquiry also as to the cost of a Stenographer for the meeting of the 29th: and as to the arrangements for music, & for luncheon on that occasion. — The Comt. of arrangements propose the following action: i.e. The Wom. Exp. Comt. respectfully remind the Secretaries of the Board, of the advantage gained at the last two meetings of the Gen. Assembly, by having an address on the School Dept. on the evening devoted to Home Missions, and hope that time will be allowed for an address on this subject at the approaching meeting also. —

It was decided to place the matter of finding ladies to report the meeting of the 29th, for our various Church papers, in the hands of Mrs. Hearn. — It was resolved that specimens of writing, drawing, manufactured articles, &c. from the Schools, be obtained for exhibition during the Gen. Assembly: the expense of sending these articles to be paid by the Women's Exp. Comt.: and the articles to be sent by May 15th to the care of

Johnston & Co. 46 West 5th st. Cincinnati, Ohio. — Resolved that in regard to the bringing of Indian pupils from the Sioux agency in Dakota, and from Okmulgee, Indian Territory, as has been suggested, further information be asked of the Secretaries.

Committee adjourned,

M. E. Allen

Secretary.